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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. UNCTAD: LDC'S IMPRESSED WITH BREADTH OF US PROPOSALS

EMBASSY NAIROBI REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS HAS CLEARLY DOMINATED THE OPENING OF UNCTAD, ENGAGED THE GROUP OF 77 IN NEGOTIATION, AND AVERTED A POSSIBLE BLOW UP AT THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.

--ALTHOUGH CERTAIN G-77 DELEGATIONS (GHANA, MEXICO, BRAZIL) MINIMIZED THE EXTENT OF CHANGE IN THE US POSITION, THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WAS MORE THAN THE G-77 CONSIDERED POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

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--US PROPOSALS ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER HAVE RECEIVED THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENT, WHILE THE US FINANCING AND DEBT SCHEME HAVE GOTTEN A CAUTIOUSLY INTERESTED RESPONSE FROM KEY LDC DEBTORS.

--INVESTMENT, EARNINGS STABILIZATION, AND MARKET ACCESS PROPOSALS ARE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANTLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN PRICE STABILIZATION AND A COMMON FUND FOR BUFFER STOCKS.

MOST OECD SPEECHES WERE GENERALLY PEDESTRIAN, ALTHOUGH A FEW (THE EC AND FRG STATEMENTS) ACHIEVED MINIMAL IMPACT BY LAST MINUTE REWRITES INCORPORATING LARGE PIECES OF THE SECRETARY'S PHILOSOPHY. FRENCH MINISTER FOURCADE MADE THE ONLY NEGATIVE OECD COMMENT SO FAR BY RULING OUT ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESOURCE BANK OUTSIDE THE WORLD BANK CONTEXT. (CONFIDENTIAL) NAIROBI 4657, 5/8.)

2. PORTUGAL: MANTLE TO FALL TO EANES?

ARMY VICE CHIEF OF STAFF FIGUEIREDO PREDICTED MAY 6 THAT "GENERAL EANES WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL." FIGUEIREDO TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT:

--IT IS UNCERTAIN WHEN EANES' CANDIDACY WILL BE ANNOUNCED, WHOM HE WILL APPOINT TO KEY POSITIONS, AND HOW HE WILL CONDUCT HIS CAMPAIGN.

--EANES' CANDIDACY HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE THREE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE ARMED FORCES.

--EANES HAS NAMED BRIGADIER GENERAL ROCHA VIEIRA (WHO IS OPPOSED BY SOME LEFTISTS AND YOUNGER OFFICERS) AS HIS CHOICE FOR CHIEF OF STAFF.

THE LEFTISTS HAVE CALLED A MAY 8 MEETING TO DISCUSS VIEIRA'S NOMINATION.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE MAY 8 MEETING IS TYPICAL OF THE COM-
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PLEX PROBLEMS EANES FACES. MODERATE OFFICERS FEAR UNFAVORABLE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS IF JUNIOR OFFICER INDISCIPLINE IS APPARENT AT THE MEETING, BUT THEY VIEW THE MEETING AS A CHANCE FOR EANES TO CRACK DOWN ON THE MILITANTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 3052, 5/7.)

3. ISRAEL: UNSETTLING QADOUM

EMBASSY TEL AVIV BELIEVES THE MAY 9 CABINET DEBATE ON THE WEST BANK QADOUM SETTLEMENT WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN A COMPROMISE INVOLVING THE REMOVAL OF THE SETTLERS TO A GOVERNMENT-APPROVED LOCATION. THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT:

--PRIME MINISTER RABIN HOPES TO AVOID A COALITION CRISIS, REDUCE POLITICAL TENSIONS, AND AVERT VIOLENT CONFRONTATION WITH THE GUSH ENUNIM SETTLERS.

--A COMPROMISE MIGHT, HOWEVER, ONLY POSTPONE A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE CABINET AND THE SETTLERS AT QADOUM.

--REAFFIRMATION OF THE PRO-SETTLEMENT POLICY CAN ONLY EXACERBATE ISRAELI-ARAB TENSIONS AND DEEPEN THE GULF BETWEEN THE US AND ISRAEL ON THE ISSUE. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 3180, 5/7.)

4. TURKEY: OBSERVER STATUS IN COLOMBO?

SEVERAL MFA SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBASSY ANKARA THAT THE GOT IS TAKING SOUNDINGS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AS AN OBSERVER OR A GUEST. THE TURKS ARE INTERESTED IN VITIATING THE ANTI-TURKISH STANCE THE NAC MAY TAKE ON CYPRUS. THEY ARE FEARFUL, HOWEVER, THAT MAKARIOS MIGHT WIN A CHEAP PROPAGANDA VICTORY BY VETOING THE INVITATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 3615, 5/7.) SISCO

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